(b) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the locations of the proposed sugar factories State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) During Sugar year 1990-91 (i.e. from 1st October, 1990 onwards), 207 applications have been received till 31.7.1991 for setting up of new sugar factories. The State-wise details of the applications is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 29]

The Licensing Policy for Sugar Industry is presently being reviewed by the Government. The pending applications, including the above, would be considered as per the policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

Construction of Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

717. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has recommended to the Union Government construction of some railways projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the State Government has also proposed to share the cost of construction of some Railway lines in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government of Tamil Nadu has, in the recent past, requested for the construction of following new rail projects—

(i) Palani to Chamrajnagar *via* Dharapur, Tiruppur and Sathyamanglam (145 kms.)

(ii) Hogenekkal to Tiruvannamalai *via* Dharampuri-Morappur, Harur and Theerthamalai (170 kms.).

Due to acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider any of the suggested lines for the present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State Government proposed to have a Corporation on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation for expeditious completion of the pending projects in the State. The same could not be considered due to Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission not agreeing for similar Corporations in 8th Plan, while appprving the setting up of the Konkan Railway Corporation.

Construction of Railway Line from Murkongselek to Pasighat

718. SHRI MYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct Railway line from Murkongselek to Pasighat of Arunachal Pradesh under NEF, Railway Division; and

(b) if so, when the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of ITO bridge

719. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of small temples are being put up on of Jamuna Bank facing Indraprastha Power House, near ITO bridge Delhi;